(b) The assailants remain unidentified. The motive for the attack is not known.

(c) In all such cases, the Indian Embassy has received prompt co-operation of the local Authorities. As there are no reports of any organized discrimination or violence against the Indian community (numbering approximately 40,000), there is no general insecurity in the Indian community residing in Germany.

UK's decision to export defence equipment to Pakistan

545. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent decision of the UK Government to export defence equipments to Pakistan have any impact on relation with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to discuss the issue with the UK Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) We are disappointed with the decision of the UK Government to issue export licences for the supply of equipment to Pakistan. India believes that the decision is not in consonance with the spirit of the stand taken by the British Government in respect of the situation in Pakistan.

(c) and (d) We have conveyed our concerns to the British Government through our High Commission in London.

Outcome of Prime Minister's visit to Italy and Portugal

546. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the agreements signed by India during the recent visit of Indian Prime Minister to Italy and Portugal;

(b) whether these agreements cover the infrastructural development programmes, like power generation, roads, building and water supply schemes; and

(c) the details of the impact on our current economic restructuring activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The Agreement on Tourism Co-operation signed with Italy on 26 June, 2000 commits the two countries to measures for promoting exchanges in the field of tourism, including between their official tourism organisations. It envisages co-operation with regard to tourism promotion and publicity, the simplification of formalities required for travel and exchange of information on tourism industry and tourism development projects. A Working Group will be established for the implementation of the Agreement.

The Agreement on Investment Promotion and Protection with Portugal signed on 28 June 2000 requires each country to encourage and create favourable conditions for investors and admission of investments. The core of the Agreement lies in its positive assertion of the Principle of Most favoured Nation and National Treatment.

(b) and (c) The Agreement on Tourism Co-operation with Italy commits the two countries to exploring the possibilities of joint ventures in their respective tourism sectors. The Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement with Portugal is expected to encourage foreign investments, including in areas of infrastruture development. The two Agreements will contribute to the objectives of economic growth and development. They would, however, have no direct impact with regard to economic re-structuring activities.

Linking of signing CTBT and lifting of technology blockade

547. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Western countries are linking Government decision on signing of CTBT while considering lifting of Western technology blockade; and